

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP**

January 6, 2021

Via Zoom/Electronic Meeting

Members Present:

Steve Abbo, Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Ken Callaway, Kaye Durant, Rachel Erwin, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Derek Hulse, Elizabeth Leventhal, Kathy McSherry, Andrew Michajlenko, Keith Pittsford, Marco Sessa, Pete Shearer, Michael Sherman, Colton Speas, and Josh Weiselberg.

Members Absent: Matthew Guillory and John La Raia.

City/Government Staff:

Guests:

See list at end of minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Jonathan Frankel called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:01p.m. via Zoom.

Verify Quorum: 17 members were present, constituting a quorum. Pete Shearer joined at Item H.1.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – None.

C. INTRODUCTIONS / OPENING REMARKS/REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Jonathan Frankel welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded all there would be a record of the meeting made. Noted that a new email account was created for MVPG chairperson: MVPGchair@gmail.com

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kaye Durant moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2020 regular meeting with correction for spelling of Ken Callaway’s name; Michele Addington seconded the motion. Minutes were approved ___-0-___ with Steve Abbo, Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Ken Callaway, Kaye Durant, Rachel Erwin, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Derek Hulse, Elizabeth Leventhal, Kathy McSherry, Andrew Michajlenko, Keith Pittsford, Marco Sessa, Michael Sherman, Colton Speas, and Josh Weiselberg voting yes, and zero voting no or abstaining.

Kaye Durant moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 regular meeting with correction for spelling of Ken Callaway’s name and completion of incomplete minutes in Item E; Michele Addington seconded the motion. Minutes were approved ___-0-___ with Steve Abbo, Michele Addington, Cameron Bucher, Ken Callaway, Kaye Durant, Rachel Erwin, Johnathan Frankel, Alan Grant, Derek Hulse, Elizabeth Leventhal, Kathy McSherry, Andrew Michajlenko, Keith Pittsford, Marco

Sessa, Michael Sherman, Colton Speas, and Josh Weiselberg **voting yes, and zero voting no or abstaining.**

E. Public Input – Non-Agenda Items but within the scope of authority of the planning group.

- Kathleen Lippet congratulated Raul Campillo on election to San Diego City Council and expressed concern for increasing commercialization of marijuana in the City and Mission Valley.
- Becky Rapp also expressed similar concerns with respect to Marijuana.

F. Membership Committee – Michele Addington

1. Open positions on the MVPG Board – One new Vacancy in resident category. Now have 1 vacancy in each of Property Tax Payer and Property Owner and two in Resident category. Currently have 1 applicant for Resident Category to be voted on at this meeting.

G. Treasurer’s Report – Elizabeth Leventhal

1. Reported that the balance remains the same; \$1,344.16.

H. Information Items

1. Update from Councilmember Raul Campillo

Description: Councilmember Campillo will be providing an update on his priorities for Mission Valley and answering questions from the community. This is an informational item only.

Provided an overview on current budget process and priorities of the administration. Discussed Anthony Hackett’s hiring and usefulness in Mission Valley and an overview of staff. Discussed housing and infrastructure issues in Mission Valley as well as storm water and flooding issues which are often underfunded. Is also focused on housing density bonuses and other incentives for development of Mission Valley. Will be monitoring SDSU West site development. Is also focused on small business and rental assistance programs as a result of COVID-19 Pandemic. Wants to see further transformation of River to become more of a resource and attraction. Question was asked regarding what MVPG can do to assist City in identifying infrastructure needs and resources to assist in development of the infrastructure. A question was also asked about the City Council salaries.

2. Conditional Use Permit Application for Total Wine & More – Steve Rawlings

Description: Briefing on the forthcoming CUP application associated with Total Wine retail outlet located at 8740 Rio San Diego Drive. This is an informational item only.

Applicant provided an overview of the proposed use, which is located in former Office Depot space adjacent to Living Spaces. Applicant has 215 stores nationwide. Is conducting public outreach to address and questions or concerns of the public. Development requires CUP and building permit for tenant improvements. A question was asked about licensing; site will have Type 21 license for sales for

off-site consumption and a Type 42 for tasting (onsite consumption). A question was asked about onsite sale permits; there are 73 in the surrounding area.

I. Action Items

1. Election to Fill Vacant Board Seat – Michele Addington

Project Description: The MVPG has received a qualified application from Marissa Feliciano to fill a vacancy in the “Resident” category.

Following a vote of the Board, Marissa Feliciano was elected to fill a vacancy in the “Resident” category of the Mission Valley Planning Group.

J. Committee/Community Reports:

1. Subcommittee Reports:

a. Standing Committees:

- 1) Design Advisory Board – normally meets the Monday prior to the MVPG meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library- Andrew Michajlenko

Has not met in past few months, will mee February 1, 2021 @ 3:30pm via GoToMeeting if a matter is brought before the committee.

b. Ad Hoc Committees

- 1) Public Health, Safety and Welfare – Elizabeth Leventhal

No update.

- 2) Riverwalk - Michele Addington:

[Subcommittee to be disbanded and removed from future agendas]

- 2) MV Stadium Redevelopment - Kaye Durant

No formal update, but progress is evident. A question was asked about visible fugitive dust from the site.

1. Community Reports

a. San Diego River Coalition – Alan Grant-Normally meets the third Friday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library. No meeting currently scheduled.

b. Community Planning Chairs Meeting –Michele Addington/Jonathan Frankel- No current update.

2. Miscellaneous Mail/Items-For the Good of the Order – Michele Addington met with the City who informs the Hazard Center connector under HWY163 is scheduled to open July 2021.

A question was asked about Phyllis Place connection and the timeline. It was indicated the matter is currently being litigated and no known timeframe for installation was provided.

Matt Griffith of Mayor Gloria’s officer provided an update on the Council meetings being televised as well as on COVID enforcement and COVID-related programs. A question was asked about what “egregious” COVID-related rule violations may constitute. An update was also provided on continued vaccine rollout.

K. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:12 P.M. Next Regular Meeting Date – February 3rd at noon with location likely to be electronic (Zoom).

Cameron Bucher, Secretary